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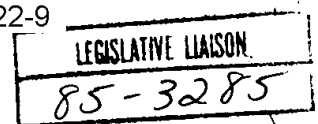
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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM



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**SUBJECT: Office of Personnel Management proposed testimony on
H.R. 2889 -- Computer Security Act.**

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than

2:00 p.m. -- MONDAY -- OCTOBER 28, 1985

Questions should be referred to Constance J. Bowers (395-3457), the legislative analyst in this office.

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Before the U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Science and Technology

October 30, 1985

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to testify today on H.R. 2889, the "Computer Security Research and Training Act of 1985." This Act would assign to the Office of Personnel Management responsibility to issue regulations prescribing in detail the procedures and scope of computer security training to be provided by Federal agencies for their employees and for personnel of contractors who are involved with the management, use, or operation of computers which interface with Government computers. The National Bureau of Standards would provide guidelines for use by Federal agencies in training their employees, and the employees of contractors and of other organizations whose computers interface with Government computers, in computer security awareness and good security practice.

It is our view that presently the Office of Personnel Management has adequate legislative authority to assist the National Bureau of Standards and, further, may do so without the need to issue additional regulations as called for in the Act. The Government Employee Training Act (5 U.S. Code, Chapter 41) directs OPM to prescribe regulations on Federal training and to coordinate the training activities of agencies in the Federal Government. OPM's training regulations are found in 5 CFR, 410. OPM also has training leadership authority for Executive Branch information resources management, which encompasses computer security training. This authority is now in the process of being updated and broadened by the Office of Management and Budget in a Draft Circular on "Management of Federal Information Resources".

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We therefore believe that OPM can effectively support the National Bureau of Standards in this important effort by using existing authorities rather than ~~issuing new regulations on this specific requirement.~~ For this reason, we propose that section 4(c) of the Bill be revised to read: "(C) Training Assistance - The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall assist the National Bureau of Standards and other Federal agencies in carrying out their training responsibilities under the Act."

The Office of Personnel Management ^{already has} ~~does not have, nor do we seek,~~ governmentwide authority to provide training directly to private sector employees. We do have authority to establish interagency training programs for Federal agency employees and, in fact, we currently operate such a program in the area of information resources management. We also have authority to assist Federal departments and agencies in their intra-agency training programs. Thus we can assist ^{and advise} the National Bureau of Standards in developing training programs on computer security for Federal employees. These training programs could then be adapted and used by agencies to train employees of contractors and other organizations whose computers interface with Government computers.

I wish to make one further comment with regard to the development and delivery of government training. OPM, in keeping with Administration direction, has launched a major effort to assist agencies to make greater use of the training resources of academia and private firms to achieve greater economies in Federal training. We are also expanding our use of private sector training resources in our own interagency training programs. Consequently, this would be an area of emphasis in carrying out our responsibility under the Act to assist agencies in their computer security training.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I am ready to answer any questions the Committee may have.